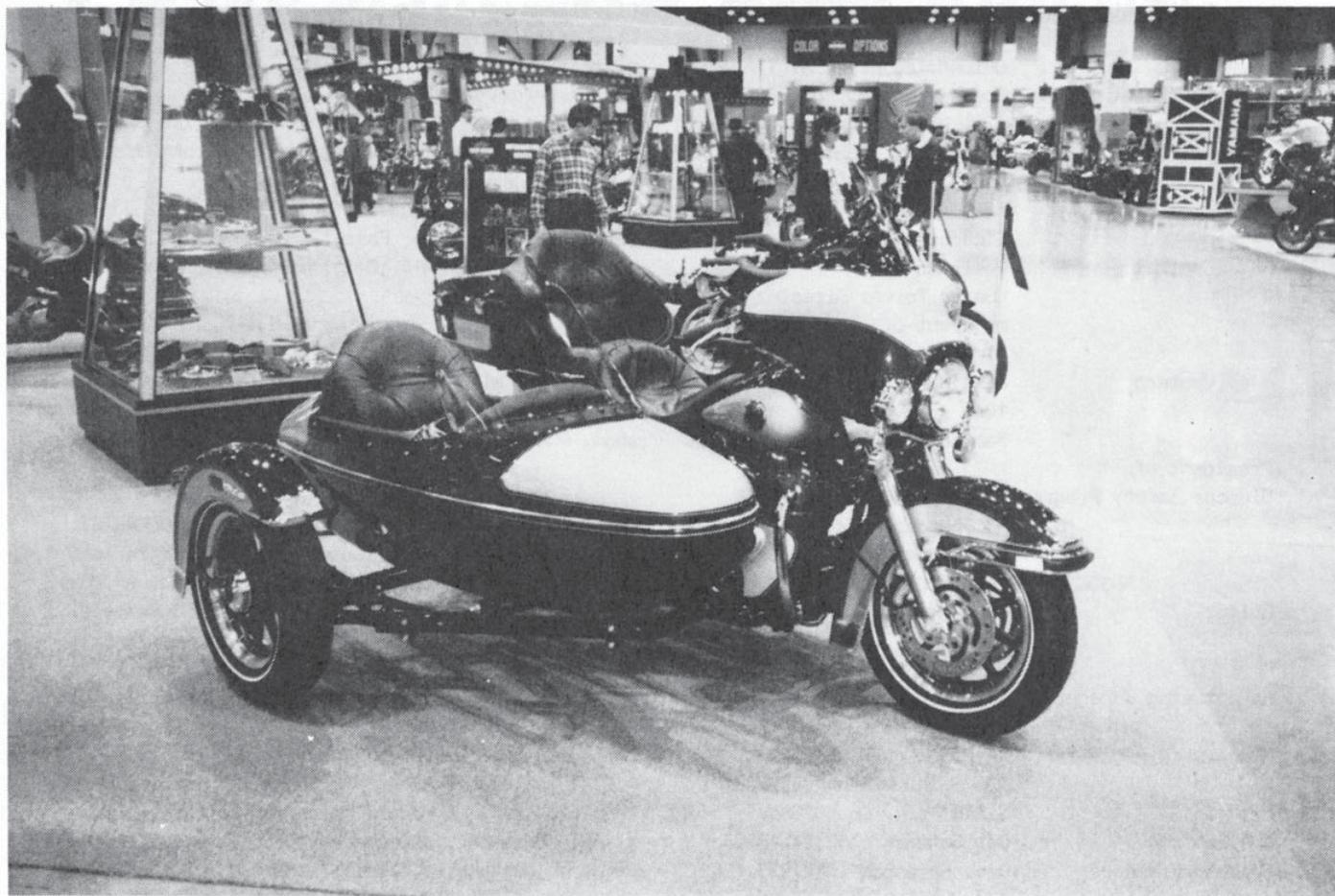


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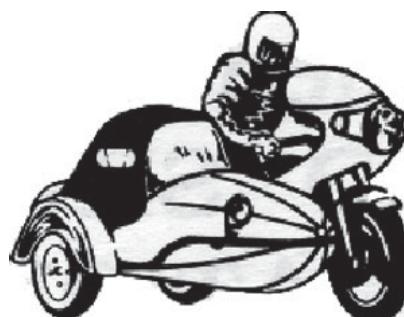
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### COVER

What to do with the winter-time blahs? Check the coming events listings and head for a motorcycle show. Photo: Bob Anderson



# Flying The Chair

It's Sunday, 12 August today as I write this column. Although it doesn't mean anything to most of you, this happens to be my 34th Anniversary. Unfortunately Joyce is in North Carolina at our house while I am about to face another week in hot and humid Washington, D.C., but we knew this would happen this year.

Quite a few things occurred at the national Rally and this is really the first issue I have had to comment on the happenings.

First, our turn-out, although absolutely excellent in terms of the number of sidecar vendors that appeared, was slightly down in terms of the number of paying attendees, so we did not make much money on the rally. In contrast however, we did have another excellent time thanks to Jean and John Kennedy and a whole host of volunteers at one of the finest rally sites we have ever seen. After all, that's what this sport is all about, having fun with our sidecars and the people who pilot them.

We had a lot of competition for people's time this year with the AMA Vintage Motorcycle races and the first national AMA Gypsy Tour occurring at virtually the same time as the USCA Rally.

As mentioned above, we had several sidecar vendors in attendance to include, Dauntless Motors, Texas Sidecar Company, and Hannigan. Wonderful to see sidecar manufacturers coming to our rally.

There were quite a few new and interesting rigs in attendance to include the school bus that won People's Choice award. The sidecar games were well organized and run, thanks to Harry and the keystone Group.

The Annual Board of Director's meeting was probably the most informative, interesting and interactive meeting I have chaired during my time as President. We had presentations by concerned members and friends of the Board on a variety of subjects.

Probably the most important suggestion that was made and supported by the Board, was to

have national elections for various positions on the Board of Directors. This was a promise I made when I assumed the position as President and it pleases me to have enough interest to be able to announce elections. Elsewhere in this issue are the instructions for how the elections will be run.

This is your opportunity to make a contribution to your club. None of the positions are too strenuous or require a tremendous number of hours to perform, but they can have a real impact on a national organization like ours, especially as we move to have USCA State Representatives in each state to represent our organization and serve as Points of Contact for sidecarists in each of our great states. Your leadership skills and ideas are always solicited. This is your chance to make a difference. Take it! We can guarantee you that those of us who currently hold positions can follow as well as lead and you will have our full support.

There were several excellent suggestions made for improvements to our web site and you should be seeing those already in affect as you read this column.

Another big change is the fact that we had a volunteer to help us make THE SIDECARIST also appear on line. That doesn't mean that your dues are reduced if you choose the on-line version over the paper copy, it just means that those of you who so desire, will have another opportunity to contribute and read the magazine in a slightly different looking format. More about that subject later as we work out the details.

Also, for those of you that haven't already been there and have Internet capability, you owe it to yourself to visit the Internet Sidecar Owners Klub (or Sidecartalk2) for interesting conversation with fellow sidecarists. You can find them at: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/sidecartalk2>. By the time you read this article you should already find them linked to sidecar.com.



# Lean-out

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here we are looking at a new year. If plans have worked out, you should have this issue a bit early. The reason for this is to give any USCA members with interest, some extra time to think about running for various positions in the upcoming elections which are detailed on page 21, by our USCA President Jim Cain, Jr. Time is of importance as our next closing deadline is January 7th, 2002, which means if you are interested in running for a USCA position, you need to act NOW and get your statement and photo into:

SIDECARIST, elections. P.O. Box 132,  
Rainier, OR 97048.

Since we are looking at USCA elections in the near future, this issue is a bit heavy into the Bylaws and Constitution of the United Sidecar Association, which we have not printed in THE SIDECARIST for about ten years now.

In a similar train of thought, some folks have expressed interest in knowing how the financial working of the USCA are going, so we have included the latest report from our current Treasurer, Beth Mattson. This also leads up to the fact that we need a volunteer to take over the job of the Treasurer, as Beth has asked to be relieved of that job as soon as possible due to new workloads.

Since our last issue, we have had another resignation turned in by our previous Advertising Manager, Al Butterfield. I'd like to thank Al for the time and effort he put in. Hopefully, another USCA member will step forward and offer to help along these lines. In the mean time, I'll try and cover that area of responsibility myself.

Traveling Jack Fassel ran his sidecar rig down to the final Mariposa Rally in June of 2001, and you got to read about that ride in the last issue. Not one to sit still, Jack wasn't home from Mariposa for very long before he loaded his gear on his K-bike and took off for Iowa, to visit

Motorvation Engineering, the outfit he used to work with when it was still located in southern California. You get to read about that trip in this issue, and see some of the inner workings of Motorvation.

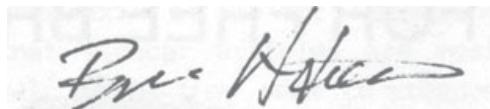
As this is being written, this issue is about finished and it is mid-November. Thanksgiving hasn't happened yet, let alone Christmas. This past week we've had nearly four inches of rain, so there hasn't exactly been a lot of motorcycle riding going on, although it did dry out enough yesterday that I rolled the PC800 out of the garage for the post office run. Later today, is a local annual toy run and parade and the weather report claims there should be sun (foggy right now), so the plans are to get the sidecar rig out and participate in the parade.

If the weather cooperated for another day, the Pacific County ABATE Chapter in Washington, has another benefit and spaghetti feed about 100 miles up the coast at South Bend, Washington, tomorrow. That's another possible sidecar ride before Thanksgiving rolls around.

Of course all this will be past history by the time this issue reaches USCA members. I just want to say that I hope all of you had a good Holiday Season with family and friends, and that you have as much fun with maps as I do, trying to plot where I am going to ride to next, with a fresh year ahead of me.

Last but not least, a Happy New Year 2002 to you with good roads, pleasant weather and a favorite passenger in your sidecar to share it with.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2002



# Letters

## OPEN LETTER APPALLING!

To Jim Cain:

I hope that you've had a happy and quiet labor Day. As this riding season winds down, I look forward to working with you on the changes that we discussed in THE SIDECARIST and working to make the USCA the best club it can be.

This afternoon I settled in a comfortable chair on my front porch to spend some quality loafing time with the newest issue of THE SIDECARIST. I had saved it to read when I had an undivided half hour to spend. The content in this issue was better than average. There were articles on good experiences at rallies and very nice trip reports. I thought the technical article on alignment was a little shallow but at least it was a technical article and there haven't been many lately.

Unfortunately, I also read the letters. The idea that we printed an "Open Letter to California" is appalling! To print a letter like that without printing a companion rebuttal from the manufacturer is irresponsible. There isn't even an editorial note stating that it was individual opinion and asking for a response from California. Further, it acts to discourage any manufacturer from supporting the USCA. I believe that there is a place for negative comment concerning dealer experience but ALWAYS accompanied by an editorial note and/or rebuttal from the manufacturer. Did you happen to notice the number of ads from manufacturers in this issue? One double business card size (Dauntless) and one business card size (Ural) and Dauntless is arguably not a manufacturer.

I honestly believe that Bob Anderson acted in an irresponsible fashion in publishing the letter and that we owe California a printed apology for not printing their response or a notice that they did not respond, if that is the case. Further, we owe them space to reply in the next issue, without regard to deadline. I hope that you agree and I'd appreciate hearing from you on this. Surely we're not so hard up for something to

print that we will allow a member to use our national magazine for their own personal vendetta. That letter has no place in a magazine that is supposed to be trying to promote our sport.

Al Olme #5910 Minneapolis, Minnesota

[In checking, it was found that California never chose to reply to USCA member Michelle Goldsmith, in the September-October, 2001 issue letters section. And apparently Mr. Olme failed to note the letter of praise for California that preceded the letter in question.

In addition, in every issue for roughly the past ten years, on page -4-, beneath the contents, contributors and cover information, a disclaimer has been published saying that the opinions expressed in articles in THE SIDECARIST are those of our contributors and do not reflect the viewpoints of the USCA, etc. Happening to personally know Michelle, I'd have to be the first to ask "Are you telling me my friend lied? And that with no satisfactory response from the company in question, that as a USCA member she didn't have the right to alert other members about her specific treatment?"

Finally, am I being irresponsible by publishing your vendetta Mr. Olme? We have a member who went to the trouble to send in a short article and photos about aligning a sidecar rig, you attack it as "a little shallow", and you expect this is going to help the rest of the membership step up to contribute something? -- ed]

## HELPED ME GET THROUGH.

Dear Editor:

I had a real bad motorcycle accident this Spring. Reading all your stuff this Summer, helped me through it all. I just recently got back on the motorcycle. All is well! Life is good. (Keep on Hacking.) [note sent in on renewal card]

Brian Findlay #5258 Anderson, Indiana

# Letters..

## FATHER'S BELOVED RE- CYCLE.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a photo of my father's beloved "Re-Cycle", in the hopes that you will publish it.

This contraption was built by my father, Bob MacDonald of Dillon, Montana, in the mid to late 1970's after we outgrew the bike. It is built from a 1972 Honda 50 and his old Army foot locker. He used it ALL the time..., to get to work on the ice covered streets in the winter..., to go to the grocery store... to take tires down to get fixed at the tire place... and to exercise the dogs, which is why there is a rope on the left side.

This is a recent picture, so you can see that it has held up pretty well. Dad passed away on September 18th and left instructions for us to send this to you. I hope you enjoy it as much as he enjoyed his Re-Cycle through the years.

Sincerely,

Jean MacDonald Miewald  
Dillon, Montana

## RENEWAL NOTE.

Dear Editor:

I enjoy THE SIDECARIST very much -- as do some of my "solo" rider friends that I am trying to convert to "sidecarists" -- so far, three!

James L. Hughes #6083 Vancouver, Washington



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### Profit & Loss Comparison

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Category Description	7/1/99- 6/30/00	7/1/00- 6/30/01
<b>INCOME</b>		
Ads, Books, Paraph:		
Paraph. Sales	441.00	181.50
Sidecar Book Sales	554.00	212.50
Sidecarist Ads	702.50	252.00
<b>TOTAL Ads, Books, Paraph</b>	<b>1,697.50</b>	<b>646.00</b>
Contributions & Misc:		
Ad Response	18.00	61.00
Misc.	684.10	43.95
SSP Contributions	252.00	158.00
<b>TOTAL Contributions &amp; Misc</b>	<b>954.10</b>	<b>262.95</b>
Driving a Sidecar Outfit	934.15	-655.75
Membership:		
Membership Renewals	9,198.00	8,351.00
New Memberships	3,770.00	4,187.00
Senior Citizens	702.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL Membership</b>	<b>13,670.00</b>	<b>13,038.00</b>
Rally Income	1,541.85	3,316.92
Uncategorized Income	850.00	251.25
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>19,647.60</b>	<b>16,859.37</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Books, Royalties, Paraph:		
Paraph. Purchase	0.00	753.68
Refund	7.00	96.00
<b>TOTAL Books, Royalties, Paraph</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>849.68</b>
Postage, UPS, FedEx	1,454.33	1,090.13
Printing and Mailing:		
Other Printing	261.48	468.78
Sidecarist Production	11,190.52	11,234.86
Printing and Mailing-Other	27.96	0.00
<b>TOTAL Printing and Mailing</b>	<b>11,479.96</b>	<b>11,703.64</b>
Rally	723.66	767.75
Replaced By #1499	0.00	0.00
Supplies & Misc:		
Misc. Expenses	818.25	655.29
Salaries	2,451.18	2,822.32
Supplies, equipment	196.87	213.81
Supplies & Misc-Other	22.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Supplies &amp; Misc</b>	<b>3,488.30</b>	<b>3,691.42</b>
Telephone	281.82	57.74
website	52.50	335.74
Uncategorized Expenses	22.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,509.57</b>	<b>18,496.10</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,138.03</b>	<b>-1,636.73</b>

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- ◆ Saturday - Morning Breakfast, California Sidecar Factory Tour and Barbecue, and Catered Dinner
- ◆ Sunday - Continental Breakfast

Fees (in U.S. Dollars)	<u>Before May 15, 2002</u>	<u>After May 15, 2002</u>
Adult USCA Member	\$35.00	\$40.00
Adult Non-Member	40.00	45.00
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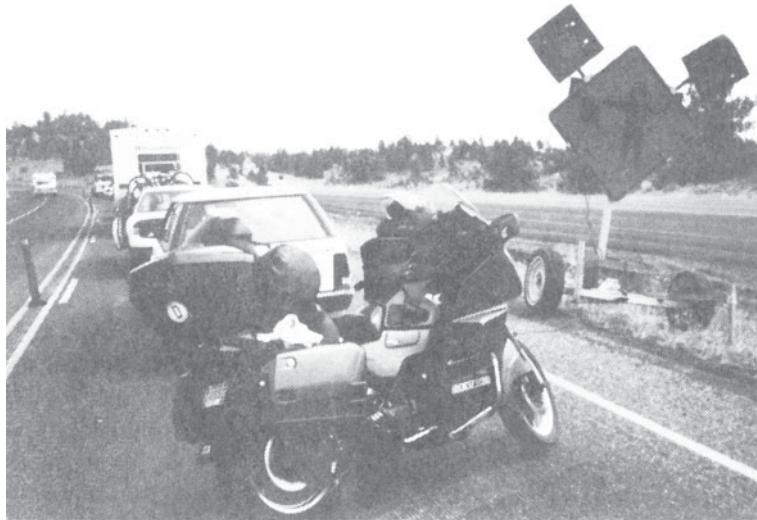
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## ALIVE AND WELL IN SIBLEY (OR RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON?)

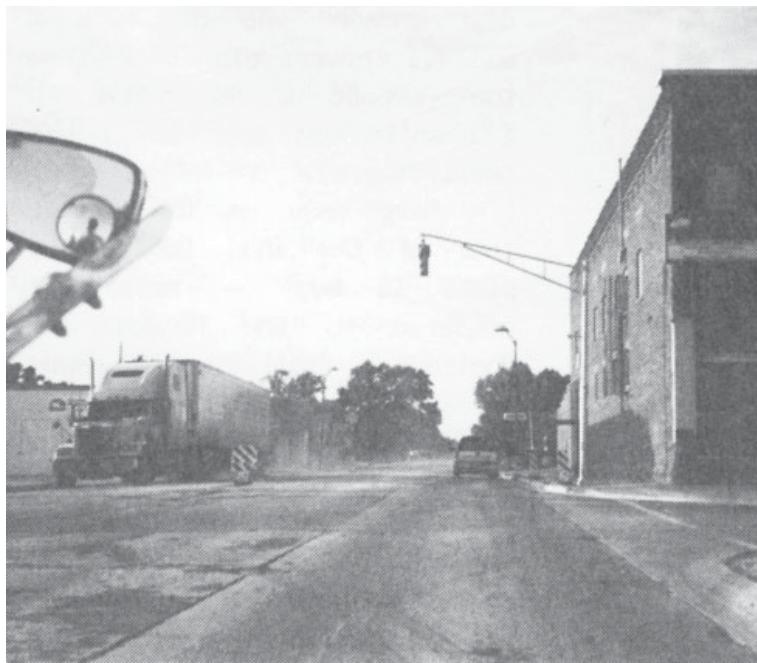
By Jack Fassel

Although I was recently "reborn" to the world of sidecars, I felt the need to complete a promise I made years ago. A promise never before filled to a business associate now gone to a weird summation of events during a snow storm in Sibley, Iowa, over four years ago. I never did visit the transplanted Motorvation Engineering Company while Jim Sontag was alive. I never really tried to get there having made one of those promises everyone makes while talking on the phone (Yea, sure we'll do lunch, I'll swing by, have your people call my people). But this summer, having been born-again to sidecars, I was sparked to actually call Motorvation and go there, by conversations with recent Motorvation customers that I met at the 20th and last Mariposa Rally in California.

After Mariposa, I called Gary Greene and Mary Sontag, and spent what seemed like hours on the phone. (I see why Gary has to put in the work hours he does -- he's always on the phone.) I decided to head over after Sturgis, and rode over to Iowa from Portland (OR), taking as many back roads as I could on the K1100LT (which naturally led to miles and miles of either dirt/gravel construction roads and/or muddy construction roads -- where's my sidecar rig?). Even went through Aberdeen, South Dakota (home of Senator "Puff" Daschle) where I was confronted by a gas station attendant who insisted on helping me pump my gas since he realized I was from Oregon (home of no-self serve gas).



One of many road construction sites,  
this one with a burning car ahead.



The growing metropolis of Sibley's only traffic light.

# Visit..

## ALIVE AND WELL IN SIBLEY..

I pointed out that I may be too stupid to pump my own gas, but somebody in South Dakota must really be stupid to keep sending "Puff" to D.C. He gave me the gas nozzle and hid inside the building.

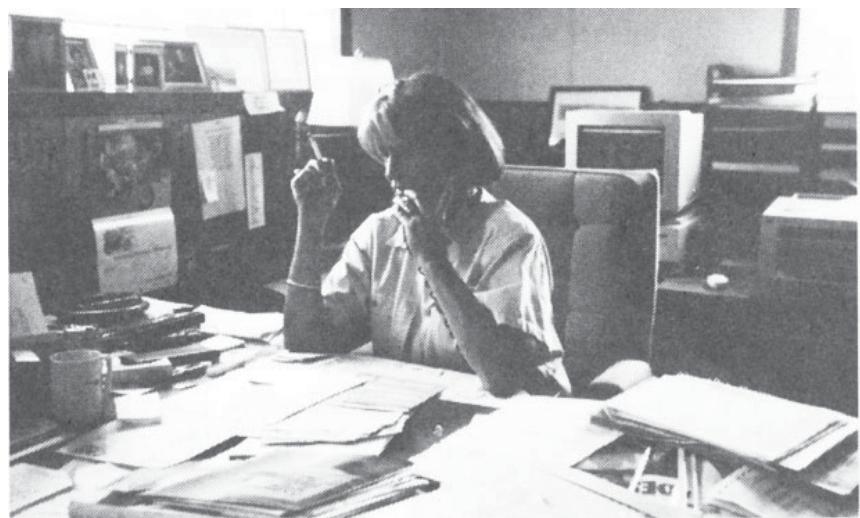
Finding Sibley in the pouring rain wasn't supposed to be too difficult a task, but I got lost and had to call Gary, who, being the new local of seven years, didn't have a clue where I was. I only had about 20+ miles to go, so why put on the rain suit? I'm used to rain (since we never see the sun in Oregon but 14 days a year or by watching reruns of Hawaii Five-O) and besides, this rain was warm. Eventually I pulled into the hallowed halls of Motorvation (soaked) where Gary was installing a Spyder on a new, big Vulcan. Gary looked the same and Mary wanted to know what happened to my red hair (turned gray since I had to join the teacher's union -- don't tell my dad), and the few remaining employees due to the lateness of the day wondered who the heck I was (I never did tell them the purpose of my visit —I wasn't even sure why I was really there).

Mary gave me the nickel tour of the shop (wow, this place is huge -- especially compared to the Reseda and Montrose facilities). Mary has kept the place going since Jim's death and has managed to wrestle with the local establishment on such things as rent, loans, permits and the ever present, all knowing and all powerful OSHA.

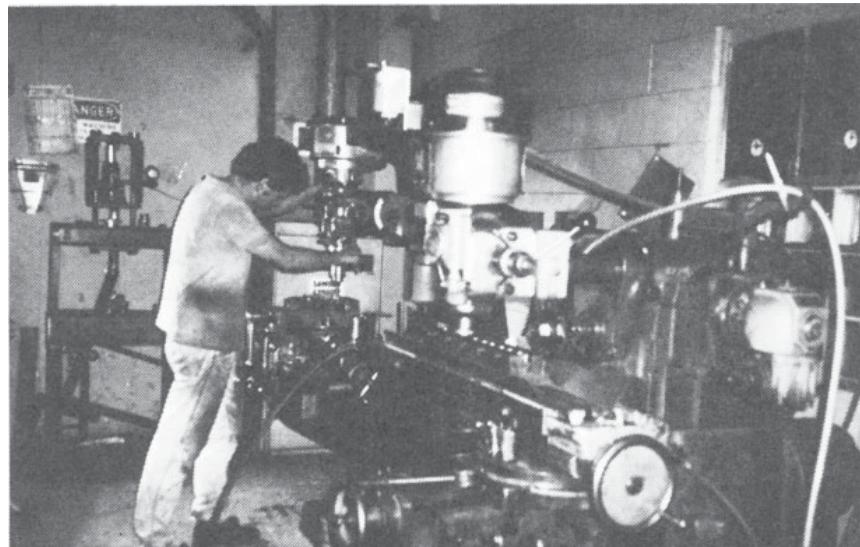
She jumped into waters where many figured she would have drowned. But unlike the S.S. Minnow, this ship hasn't sunk.



Sibley, Iowa's Motorvation, housing 14,000 square feet.



Mary Sontag at mission control.



Gary Green at the helm.

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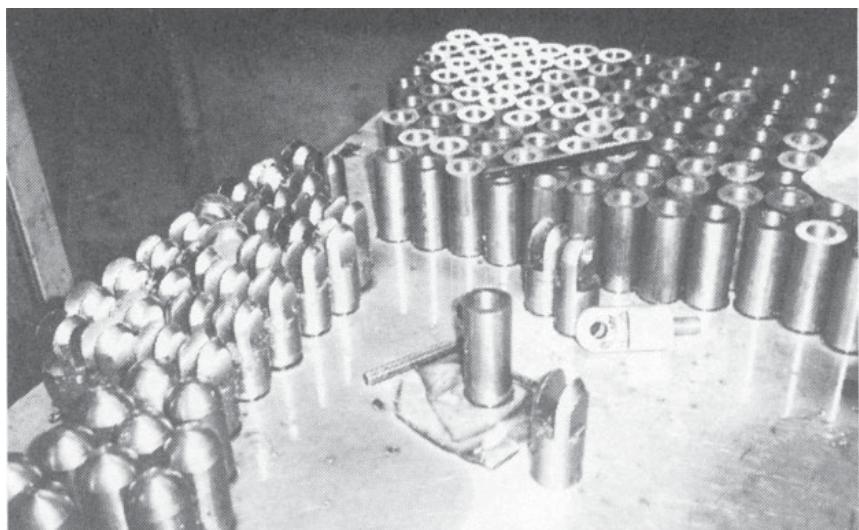
The company is alive and kicking with the support of its loyal customer base. I was impressed back in 1981 with the product (i.e. initially I was just a customer who bought a Roadster sidecar). I'm still impressed with the product 20 years later. Even my current sidecar ride (an '86 Concours with Formula II, with torsion handle) is a reliable rig even though it is approaching 100,000 miles.

I never once messed with the sidecar mounting (true, I bought it used from Jay and Tara Giese in Tacoma, and I've been too busy keeping the motor running and the carbs from throwing up gas). Gary (who probably has mounted more sidecars than anybody currently in the business -- but he'd never declare that --it's not in his nature) claimed he never mounted a Formula to a Concours.

Well I bought it used. I didn't mount it. And out of the blue (or is it gray?) Gary pointed out an article in the Summer/Spring '99 issue of HACK'D (he did this off the top of his head) of an identical rig. The article's rig wasn't one "like" mine -- it "was" mine. Wow -- how did he remember that? I can't remember what I did yesterday and I've got a Master's Degree in Engineering!

I didn't know that my rig had a subframe on the lower front (wow, what will I learn next?).

Gary (and son Bec), gave me a tour of Sibley ala sidecar. Gary's descriptions of whatwas-what and who-was-who in this tiny town of 2,000+ rivaled any Chamber of Commerce's version. I understand now why I couldn't initially find the



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**Gary (and son Bec) riding their original 117,000 mile '82 Goldwing/Roadster..**

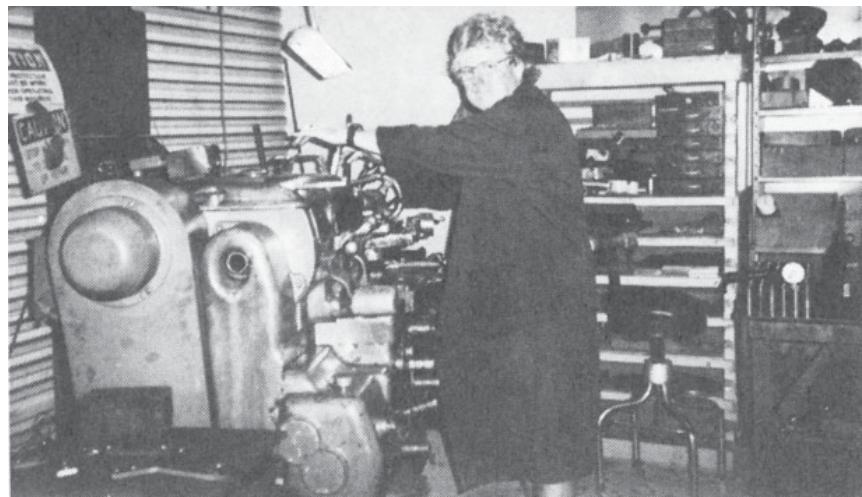
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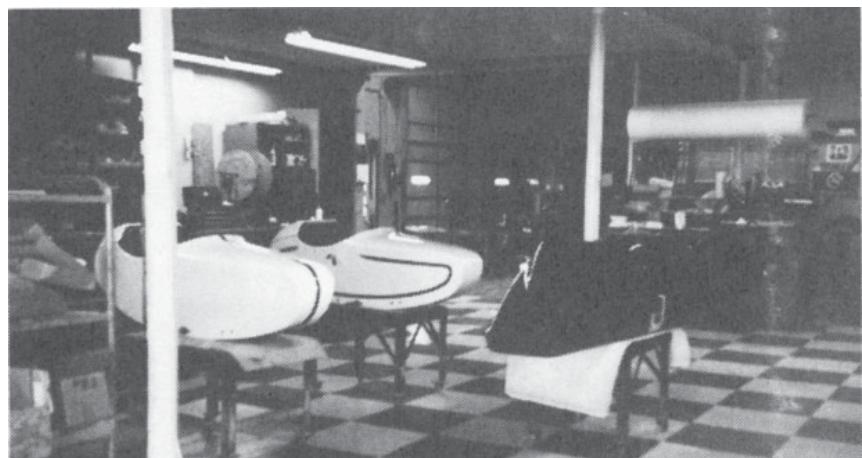
place: It's hidden by miles of corn.

During my two week stay, I watched, listened, assisted, assembled, made, and/or monitored the initiation and/or completion of three Spyders, one Formula (being delivered to an Oregon neighbor), and two trailers. At this obscene pace, the company continues to make sales, deliver products and fight the normal daily routines of part shortages, late chrome deliveries, people problems and equipment breakdowns (I personally overloaded, now once, but twice, the 1942 vintage lathe - apparently it's never worked so hard since the last time I touched it over 15 years earlier -- and I'm still picking metal splinters out of my hands!). Although I was having lots of fun reminiscing/etc., I couldn't help but be reminded how easy it is for an "outsider" to play "Monday morning quarterback" when the topic comes to running a company -- especially a company that actually builds a product to order. It's easy to name that tune when you're not playing the game. I watched the crew. Some were excellent. Some were mediocre.

I watched Gary. Nothing rattles this guy. Like my mentor Obee Wan (a.k.a. Dan Doyle), I envy Gary. He really enjoys what he's doing. Successful individuals "enjoy" their work -- something that I've rarely found in the high-tech world that I'm accustomed to. (Maybe that's why I dig teaching at the college?) I got into brain games with Mary on what improvements could be made, what options are practical, what's broke, what's not. As I write this, there are lots of



**The author got taller wearing Jim's overcoat while running the 1942 lathe.**



**Two Spyders and a Formula in final stages.**



**The author cleaning up his finger prints on a Formula.**

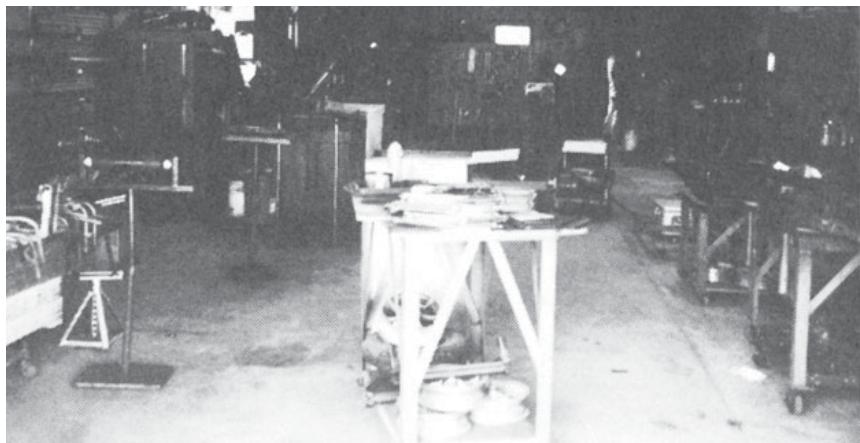
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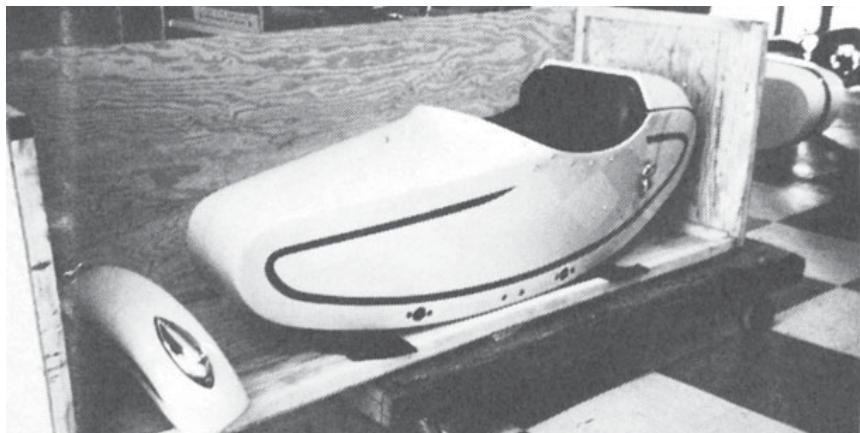
avenues, but I haven't made any conclusions or recommendations -- they're not mine to make.

My time was up. I had to return to a broken down Sea-doo motor in Portland (great, another exercise in patience). I took a direct route through Sturgis (stopped at the world famous SideHack Saloon and saw the Motorcycle Museum), zipped through Wyoming and Montana (can go fast on the LT Interstates) and finally arrived at the People's Republic of Portland with a few days to spare before school starts (it's my tenure year).

I pulled into the garage, unloaded the Beemer, washed off the pile of bugs, and took the sidecar rig for a ride to the Pacific (just a one-hour ride). I sat in the sidecar smoking a cigar and looked over the ocean as the sun went down. It was a good trip -- a needed trip. I remembered an important factor of running and owning your own business: You gotta love it.



Huge! machine shop.



Springer Spyder readied for shipment.

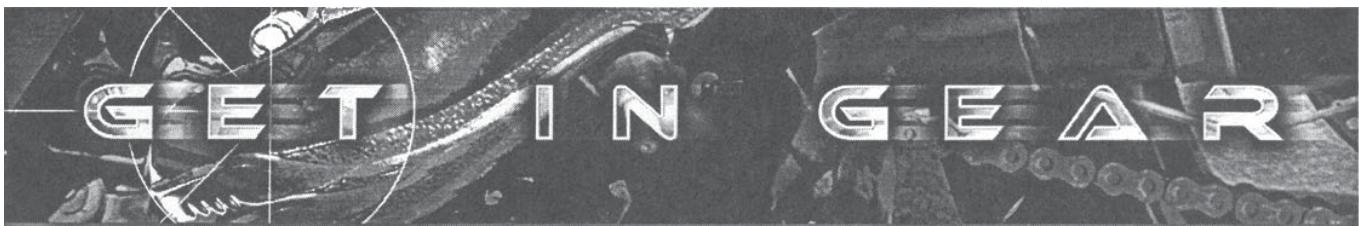


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A quick stop through the Sturgis Museum.

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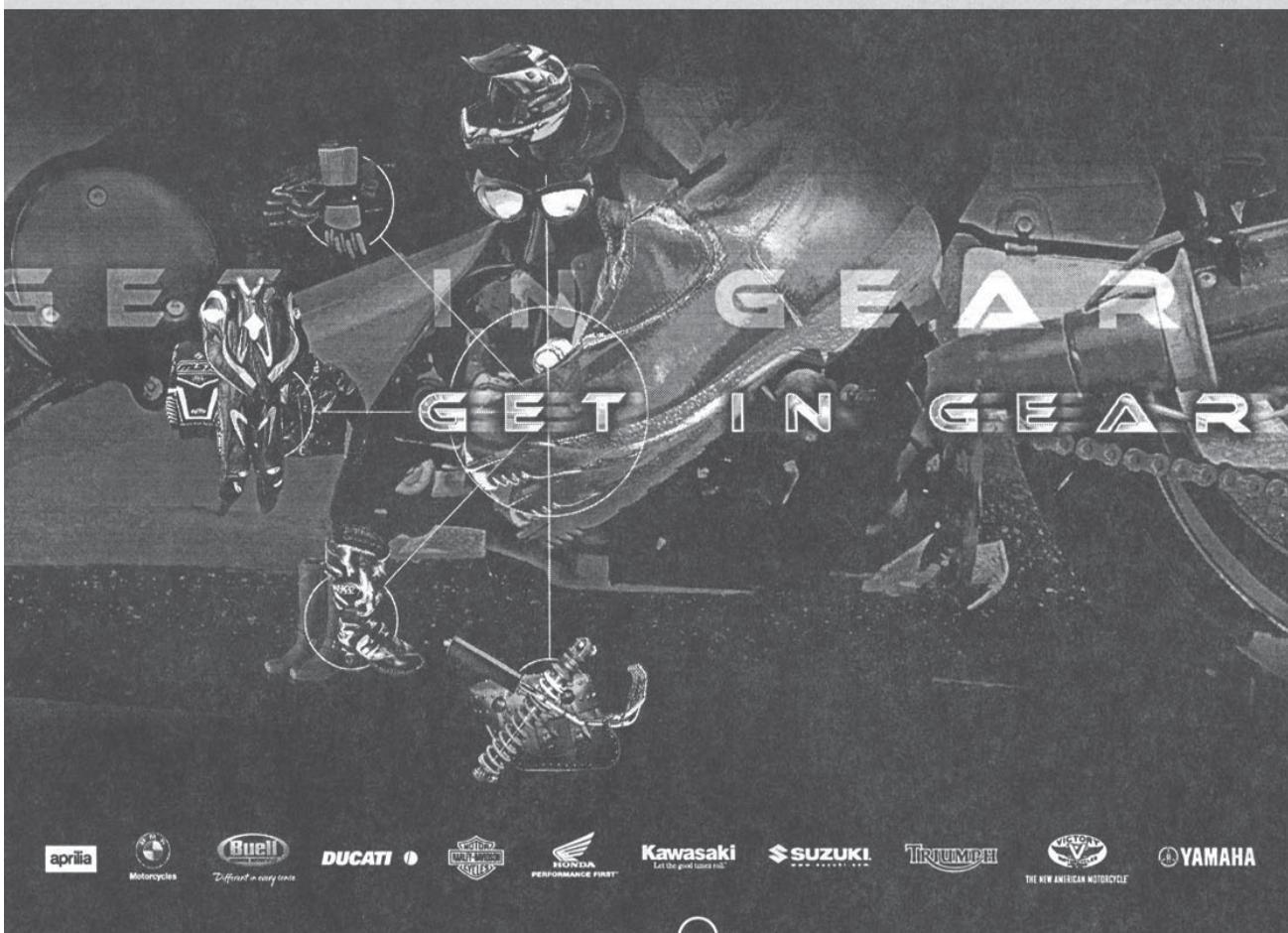
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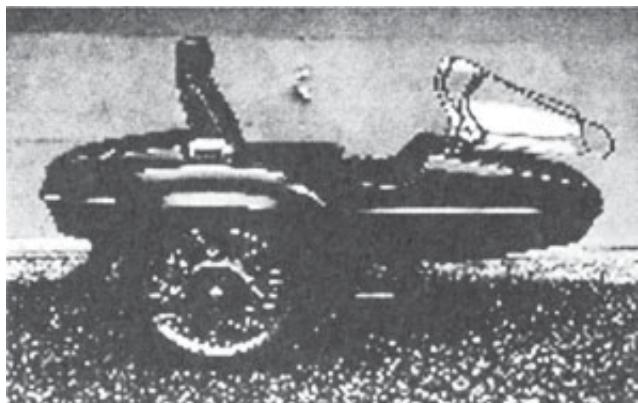
# Industrial News

## Three new sidecars

Dauntless Motors Corporation is pleased to announce three new sidecars.

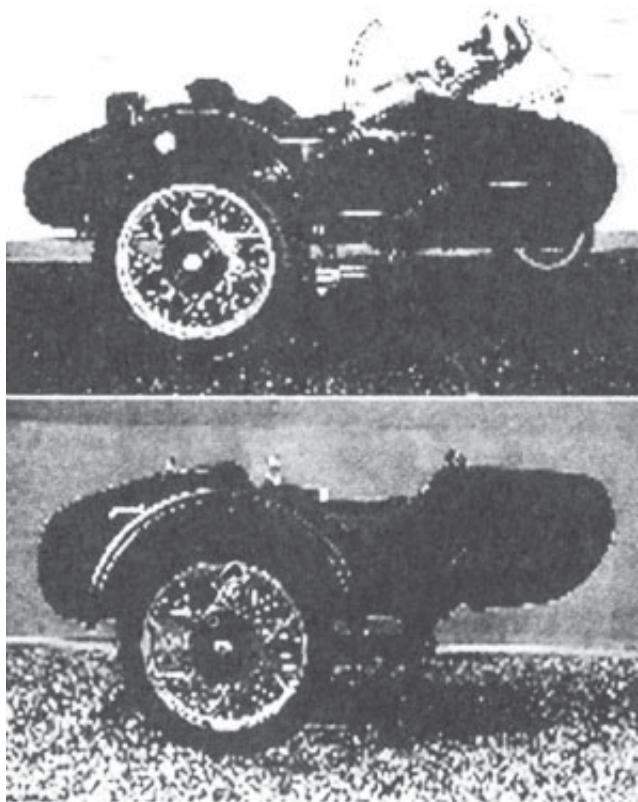
### Flying Tiger sidecar

The sleek Flying Tiger features a single high back leather seat with a fold down windshield for ease of entry, spacious trunk, all steel Chinese body and fiberglass fender in two colors charcoal or white for only \$1,495.00.



### Zeppelin sidecar

Our Zeppelin sidecar is reminiscent of a pre-war style Steib with it's dirigible looking nose. The Zeppelin is a single seat, fiberglass body mounted on a Russian chassis for \$1,795.00 available in black or white gel-coat. An optional skirted fender will soon be available.



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# Vote!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By James D. Cain, Jr.

During the Board of Directors Meeting at the National Rally, the possibility of elections surfaced with several members expressing interest in holding elections.

Since I assumed this position stating that I would hold it until we could have elections by interested members, this gives me the opportunity to do what I said.

Our long-time Vice President, Jim McManus, has asked that his position be the first offered up for election. Additionally, the following other positions are also becoming available: Treasurer/Bookkeeper and Central Regional Director. Beth Mattson, our long-time Treasurer and Bookkeeper and Central Regional Director, has announced that she must resign due to heavy workload commitments, as well as a move from Oklahoma to Oregon.

The remainder of the positions will be up for election next year, thus ensuring a degree of continuity.

The way the elections will work is like this:

1. This issue of THE SIDECARIST, the January-February 2002 issue, is the formal announcement of the positions on the Board of Directors up for election. It outlines the requirements and duties of the positions available.
2. If you are interested in one of the positions, we ask that you send Bob Anderson, SIDECARIST editor, a recent picture and a statement, not to exceed half a typed page telling us something about you, your background in sidecaring, and why you would like to be elected to the position or what qualities you will bring to the position if elected.
3. This requirement in section 2, above, must reach Bob no later than 07 January, 2002, to be included in the March-April 2002 issue. Submissions received after that date can not be considered due to printing time requirements.

4. In the May-June 2002 issue will appear a ballot for elections. You are asked to fill out the ballot indicating your choice of candidate for the positions up for election, and then mail that ballot to me at my Post Office box address.
5. Ballots will continue to be collected until one week before the 2002 National Rally. All ballots will remain unopened and transported to the National Rally site in Virginia.
6. Votes will be counted by a volunteer election committee at the National Rally and winners announced at that time. Winners not in attendance at the national Rally will be notified personally by me. Results will also be published in the next issue of THE SIDECARIST printed after the National Rally.
7. All ballots will contain a space for your USCA membership number. Only current USCA members may vote. All ballots will be compared against a master membership roster. Only one vote per member.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is how the elections will work. Your Board of Directors believe that the process outlined above is the most reasonable and affordable method of holding elections with the least amount of work required to obtain quality results.

## GUIDELINES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES

1. Member of the United Sidecar Association.
2. Contact person for other sidecarists.
3. Promote USCA in any motorcycle expo or event in your state.

## FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

1. Member of the United Sidecar Association.
2. Recruit State Reps.
3. Coordinate meets and rallies within region.
4. Promote SSP.
5. Gain access to motorcycle trade shows re: J&P Promotions.
6. Find sites and clubs to run National Rally in your region.

# Vote!..

## From the President

*Reprinted from the December 1991/January 1992  
SIDECARIST, by then USCA President, John Dauginas.*

### Dear Fellow Sidecarists:

As you see, this issue of The Sidecarist contains the United Sidecar Association (USCA) Constitution, newly revised Bylaws and all-new Standing Rules of Order (SRO). We are sharing them with you in hopes that you will not only be able to better understand the purpose, goals and organizational functions of the USCA, but that you will form a closer link to the Association. Hopefully, this closer link will develop because the USCA will become more of "your" club as a result of the streamlined Bylaws, the SRO, regional directors and elections.

The USCA is an association that unites all those who are interested in and enjoy sidecaring. The USCA is a bond that unites all of us nationally. The USCA is a unique association and a special one. The USCA is a place for fun and enjoyment of our sport. The USCA seems to have reached a point where it needed to "go back" to the members and have the "spirit" of the members breathed back into it. That's why the Bylaws and SRO were revised and created and hopefully will be able to accomplish this. Yet, these documents will also keep a backbone of structure. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised was incorporated as a guide into the Bylaws and SRO to keep the Association from being weighed down in unnecessary mechanisms and administrative bureaucracies, to better clarify and simplify the Association's internal organization.

Since first coming into the USCA's infrastructure as the Membership Registrar in 1989, and now as President, members have continually expressed to me and the Executive Committee that the USCA needs to be more in-touch with the membership, purpose and goals need to be shared and the internal structure clarified and simplified. That is why much time was given to revising the Bylaws, adding the Standing Rules of Order and forming a system of elections.

I think it is very important, for me to convey that the only purpose of the elections are to bring the USCA closer to its members. If only one person runs for an office, that's OK. If no one runs for an office, well, that's OK, too! But at least the membership has an opportunity to run for an office. Also the membership, through the regional directors and the election process, have an opportunity to help the USCA be a better and more enjoyable association. Also, hopefully, the elections and its process will help the membership get to know their Board, Association Administration and Committee members. Biographies, photos and information on the candidates will be published in The Sidecarist for all to see and get to know. Won't it be nice to find out about other members of the USCA? To at least put a face on the name?

That's why I don't believe the whole concept of elections should be a divisive factor or controversial issue. Whether no one or 6,000 people run for office should not be a measure of the association. If the USCA is fun, enjoyable, interesting, helpful and informative — that's all that matters. I sincerely believe, because of the fantastic caliber of members that USCA has, that USCA is going to continue to grow and be healthy.

Please review these documents. Take a special look at the election process. Under the current Bylaws, the membership has thirty (30) days to respond to the Secretary, Al Roach, (his address is listed on the masthead) regarding these documents. If less than one-third of the membership disapproves of the change, these documents will become effective on February 1, 1992.

Thank you for your support of the Executive Committee and the concern for the USCA that all of you have expressed. It's truly been an honor to be President and Treasurer of such an outstanding club. Now would somebody run for the former since I'm busy enough with the latter? Feel free to contact myself or any member of the Executive Committee anytime on anything.

**John Dauginas (past president)**

# **By-Laws & Standing Rules, 12/91**

## **By-Laws & Standing Rules of Order of the USCA**

*Please review these documents. Under the current Bylaws, the membership has thirty (30) days to respond to the Secretary, Al Roach, at 130 S. Michigan Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181. If less than one-third of the membership disapproves of the changes, these documents will become effective with the new year.*

### **I. DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

Members of the Board, as defined in Article III of the Bylaws assume applicable duties as spelled out by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised . Additional duties specific to the positions appear below..

#### **A PRESIDENT**

Votes as a member of the Board only to break a tie vote.

#### **B VICE-PRESIDENT**

No additional duties defined at this time.

#### **C SECRETARY**

Maintains a current membership roster, informing members of renewal dates and processing all applications and renewals. Any monies collected by the Secretary on behalf of the USCA, will be forwarded to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

#### **D TREASURER**

Collect all monies due the association and handles all disbursements on behalf of the Association.

Submits a yearly Financial Statement to the Board at least once a year, and prior to a Board Meeting, or more often, as required.

#### **E REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

Represents the membership and maintains contact with local sidecar clubs or associations within the Director's region.

1The five regions of the USCA may be grouped as follows:

**NORTHEAST:** The states of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. The Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Islands, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

**SOUTHEAST:** The states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. •

**MIDWEST:** The states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and U.S. Possessions. The Canadian province of Ontario.

**CENTRAL:** The states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas. The Canadian province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

**WESTERN:** The states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Utah. The Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon Territory.

# **By-Laws & Standing Rules, 12/91..**

2 Additional countries or continents may be added to a Director's region upon approval of the Board.

## **F DIRECTOR OF SIDECAR SAFETY PROGRAM**

Coordinates the activities of the Sidecar Safety Program.

## **II. ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION**

The USCA may appoint members to the Association Administration to perform necessary functions of the USCA, who do not vote as members of the Board and are not required to attend Board Meetings. Their descriptions and duties are as follows:

### **A EDITOR**

Produces the The Sidecarist, the official news journal of the United Sidecar Association, Inc.

### **B ADVERTISING MANAGER**

Manages the promotion and advertising accounts of the USCA.

Forwards any monies collected on behalf of the USCA to the Treasurer in a timely manner. Forwards copies of all advertising contracts to the Treasurer.

### **C BOOKSTORE MANAGER**

Maintains inventory of and sells USCA materials.

Forwards any monies collected on behalf of the USCA to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

### **D NATIONAL RALLY CHAIR**

Supervises the National Rally for the current year. Submits a monthly financial report to the Treasurer.

### **E HISTORIAN**

Keeps a historical record of the USCA in both written and visual form.

## **III. TERMS OF OFFICE**

A position can be retained by a member of the Board as long as:

Current dues are not in arrears.

Attends at least two Board meetings during the term of office and maintains active contact with the Board during that term. Attendance requirements may be waived if a substantial reason exists.

Any member of the Board may resign his/her position after giving at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Board of intention to be excused from said office.

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board, such nominations for a replacement will be solicited by the Board through notification in The Sidecarist, and submitted to the Board for consideration and voting. The results of the voting and subsequent appointment will be given to the general membership through The Sidecarist.

## **IV. VOTING PROCEDURES**

### **A BOARD MEETINGS**

# **By-Laws & Standing Rules, 12/91..**

1 Any motion acted on by the Board must pass by simple majority vote, except:

- a. Any motion to change in membership status, as described in Articles III(A) or III(C) of the Bylaws shall require two-thirds vote of all Board members.
- b. Any motion to change the Bylaws will be acted on as described in Article VII of the Bylaws.
- c. Any motion to change the Standing Rules of Order must be received in writing to the Board, and require two-thirds vote of the Board for passage. The membership shall then be notified of the change.

## **B GENERAL MEETINGS**

General meetings will be considered an assembly of the membership present, the results of votes taken having the status of recommendations to the Board, which are to be considered further at the next Board Meeting.

1 All members at a General Meeting are allowed to vote.

2 Actions will be considered by the Board if passed if by a simple majority of members present.

## **C ELECTION OF THE BOARD**

1 If running unopposed, the candidate must receive at least one (1) vote to be elected to the office.

2 In a contest of two (2) or more candidates, the candidate with the majority of votes received will be considered elected to the office.

# **V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES**

## **A NOMINATION**

The completed petition, with statements attached, shall be forwarded to the Nomination Committee, who shall check the validity of the petition and the length of the statements. If the petition is valid, the petitioner's statements will then be forwarded to the Editor for inclusion in The Sidecarist.

The Nomination Committee chair will be appointed by the incumbent Board for the upcoming election, any members of the Committee will be members not serving on the current Board or seeking election.

The nomination of members to positions on the Board shall begin January 1, end on March 1, and repeat every two (2) years hence. Completed petitions with position and background statements shall be postmarked no later than March 1 of the current election year to the Nomination Committee.

## **B ELECTION**

The election of the Board will begin on May 1, end June 1, and repeat every two (2) years hence.

Completed ballots shall be postmarked no later than June 1 of the current election year to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee will tally the vote and report to the incumbent Secretary the results. The Secretary will then notify the Board and the Editor of the results, who shall print them in The Sidecarist.

The Election Committee chair will be appointed by the incumbent Board for the upcoming election, any members of the Committee will be members not serving on the current Board or seeking

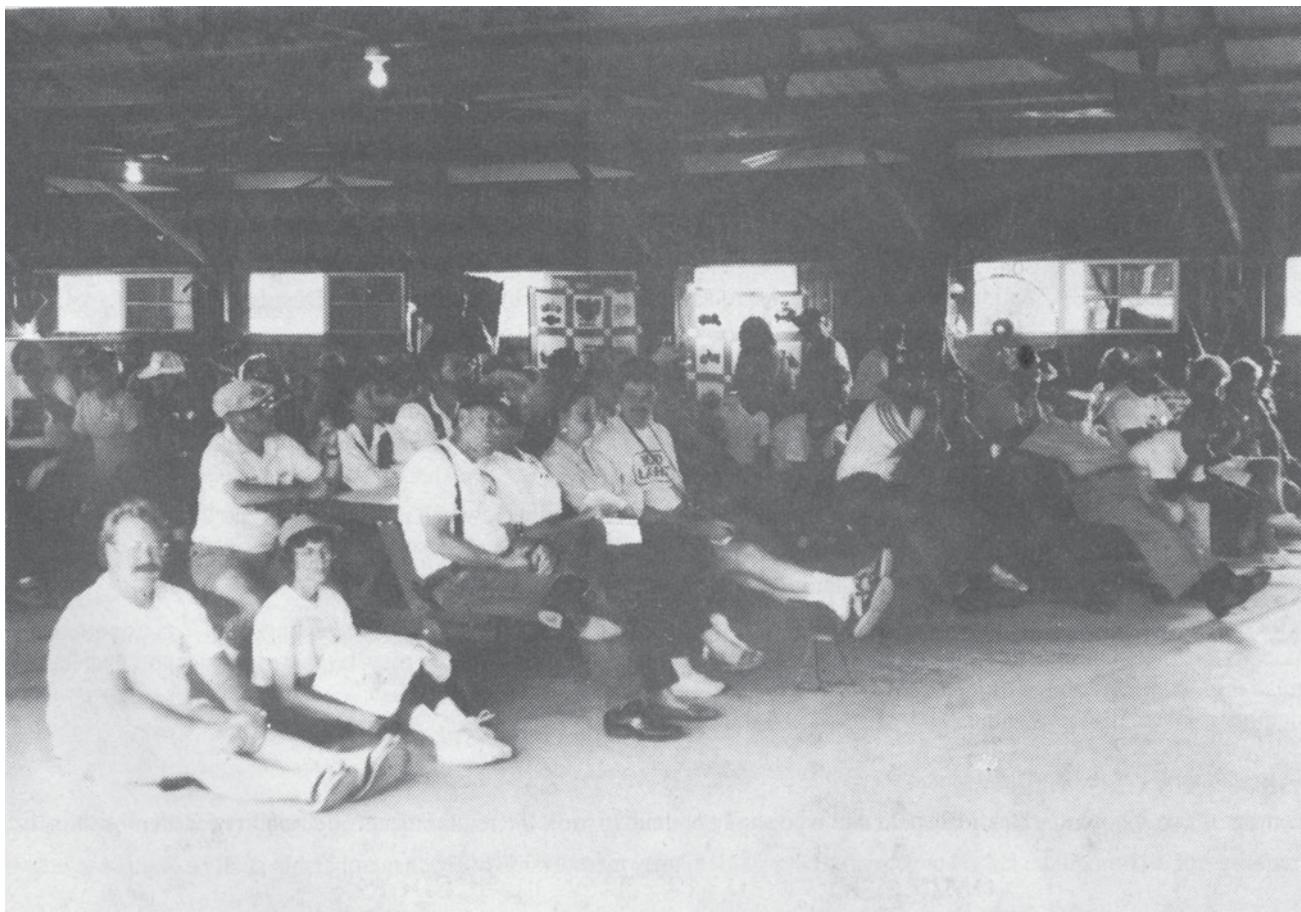
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election.

Elected Board members shall begin their term of office on July 1 of the election year and every two (2) years hence.

## **VI. BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- A. Any capital asset or investment acquired by the Association will only be obtained after majority approval by the Board in writing. Receipt by the Treasurer of the request for such asset and of the approval of the Board will be considered full authority to the Treasurer to release such funds for the purchase of such asset or investment.
- B. Payment of all services rendered to the Association shall be requested from the Treasurer by invoice.
- C. Signatories for checks for the Association shall be members of the elected Board, comprising of any two (2) of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer.



**General membership at 1991 National Rally listens to members of the Executive Committee.**

# **Constitution of the USCA, 12/91**

## **Constitution of the USCA, Inc**

First organized as the Pullman Hackers and incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1968, then reorganized in 1976 as the United Sidecar Association, Inc., the primary mission of the United Sidecar Association, Inc. is to promote the development, interest and general welfare of sidecaring.

**We, the members of the United Sidecar Association, Inc. have the following goals:**

To establish and achieve safety standards, policies, practices and procedures helpful in promoting the use and activities of sidecars;

To develop and maintain safe sidecar driver training programs, under the auspices of the Sidecar Safety Program;

To publish updated manuals on sidecar safety, techniques and sidecar awareness; and

To unite sidecar enthusiasts through shared information and group activities.

## **I. ORGANIZATION**

This association shall be known as the United Sidecar Association, Incorporated, USCA, Inc., or USCA.

No activities of this corporation shall violate laws or standard business practices promoting any free trade agreement. Furthermore, this corporation shall be conducted in accordance with the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Illinois. No part of the USCA's assets, income or profits shall be distributed to, or inure the benefits of, any member of the USCA except to the extent permitted by and under the said not-for-profit laws.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **A Eligibility and Admission**

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in sidecars and sidecaring.

Admission to membership shall be by written application, in a form and manner as shall be prescribed by the Board. The application shall be accompanied by the specified amount of dues.

Membership in the USCA shall not be transferable nor re-assignable except by approval of the Board.

### **B Dues**

The dues and privileges of all classifications shall be specified from time to time by the Board and shall be published at the beginning of the calendar year and whenever revised. Dues will be set for a single or family membership, plus additional fees as may be necessary to cover initial membership material costs and foreign postage.

Persons over the age of sixty-five (65) may renew membership at a reduced rate, which is specified by the Board and published to the membership.

Honorary Life Members are not required to submit dues to the Association.

Any member three (3) months or more behind in renewing dues shall be considered not in good standing, shall not be entitled to vote at association meetings nor receive the Association's publication. Reminder notices may be sent out prior to cancellation of membership, at the discretion of the Secretary.

# **Constitution of the USCA, 12/91**

A member may reactivate membership by paying all dues outstanding.

## **C Membership Classifications**

A member is one whose dues are fully paid and who shall continue to meet the requirements of eligibility for membership.

All members of an immediate family are covered by a single family membership but such membership shall be entitled to only one vote.

The Honorary Life Membership is a classification bestowed upon a member by the Board for exceptional services rendered to the US CA or for promoting the cause of sidecaring.

## **III. BOARD**

The United Sidecar Association, Inc., shall have a Board which shall contain a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, five (5) Regional Directors and the Director of the Sidecar Safety Program. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, the Standing Rules of Order, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association.

### **A Nomination and Election of the Board**

#### **1 Nomination**

Nomination will be by written petition. The petition is valid after 5 members have signed the petition, indicating their current membership number. Also attached to the petition will be a position statement and biographical sketch giving: (a) goals and beliefs regarding the position and (b) experience and interests in regards to the position. The Board may set limits as to the length of these statements.

Nomination will be for a single position on the Board.

Other rules of the Nomination process may be set forth in the Standing Rules of Order.

#### **2 Election**

Election to the Board shall be by ballot mailed to every eligible member of the USCA. Other rules of the Election process may be set forth in the Standing Rules of Order.

### **B Terms of Office The length of term of office for any elected Board member is two (2) years.**

Other rules of the terms of office may be set forth in the Standing Rules of Order.

## **IV. MEETINGS**

### **A Frequency of Meetings**

There will be a minimum of one (1) Board Meeting and one (1) General Meeting every calendar year. The President or a majority of the Board may call a special meeting by posting notification to that effect to all active members at least eight (8) weeks in advance.

### **B Meeting Agenda**

#### **1 Board Meetings**

The Board will meet to discuss the business of the USCA. Notes of the meeting will be kept by the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-President.

#### **2 General Meetings**

# **Constitution of the USCA, 12/91**

A General Meeting of the Association will involve both the members of the Board and the membership of the USCA to discuss issues of concern to the membership present at the meeting. Notes of the meeting will be kept by the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary, the Vice-President.

## **C Attendance**

### **1 Board Meetings**

Members may attend any Board meeting, but must indicate their intention by written request in advance to the Secretary, or by invitation by a Board member. If attendance is by invitation, the Board member shall inform the Secretary in writing.

### **2 General Meetings**

General Meetings are open meetings and may be attended by all interested persons.

## **D Voting**

Voting procedures at all meetings shall be according to parliamentary procedure as adopted in Article VI, and additional procedures described in the Standing Rules of Order.

## **V. COMMITTEES**

Committees, whether standing or special, shall be appointed by the Board as the Association or the Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nomination and Election Committees.

## **VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

## **VII. AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended or added to at any time, provided the amendment was submitted in writing to the Board, who after review of the amendment then posts notice of the change to the membership for a period of at least thirty (30) days. If one-third or less of the membership disapproves of the change, the Board will then act on the amendment, which shall require passage by two-thirds vote of the Board. The membership will then be informed of the result of that vote.

## **VIII. INDEMNIFICATION**

The USCA shall indemnify each present and future Board member, officer, and employee of the organization against any judgement, costs, or expenses which may be imposed on or reasonably incurred by him in connection with any claim, action, suit, or proceeding hereafter made or instituted, in which he may be involved by reason of his being a member of the Board, an officer or employee of the association.

In the event that a Board member, officer or employee of the organization shall serve as a Director or officer of any other association or organization at the request of the USCA for the benefit or advantage of this organiza-

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tion, such indemnity shall likewise be extended to such Board member, officer or employee of the organization.

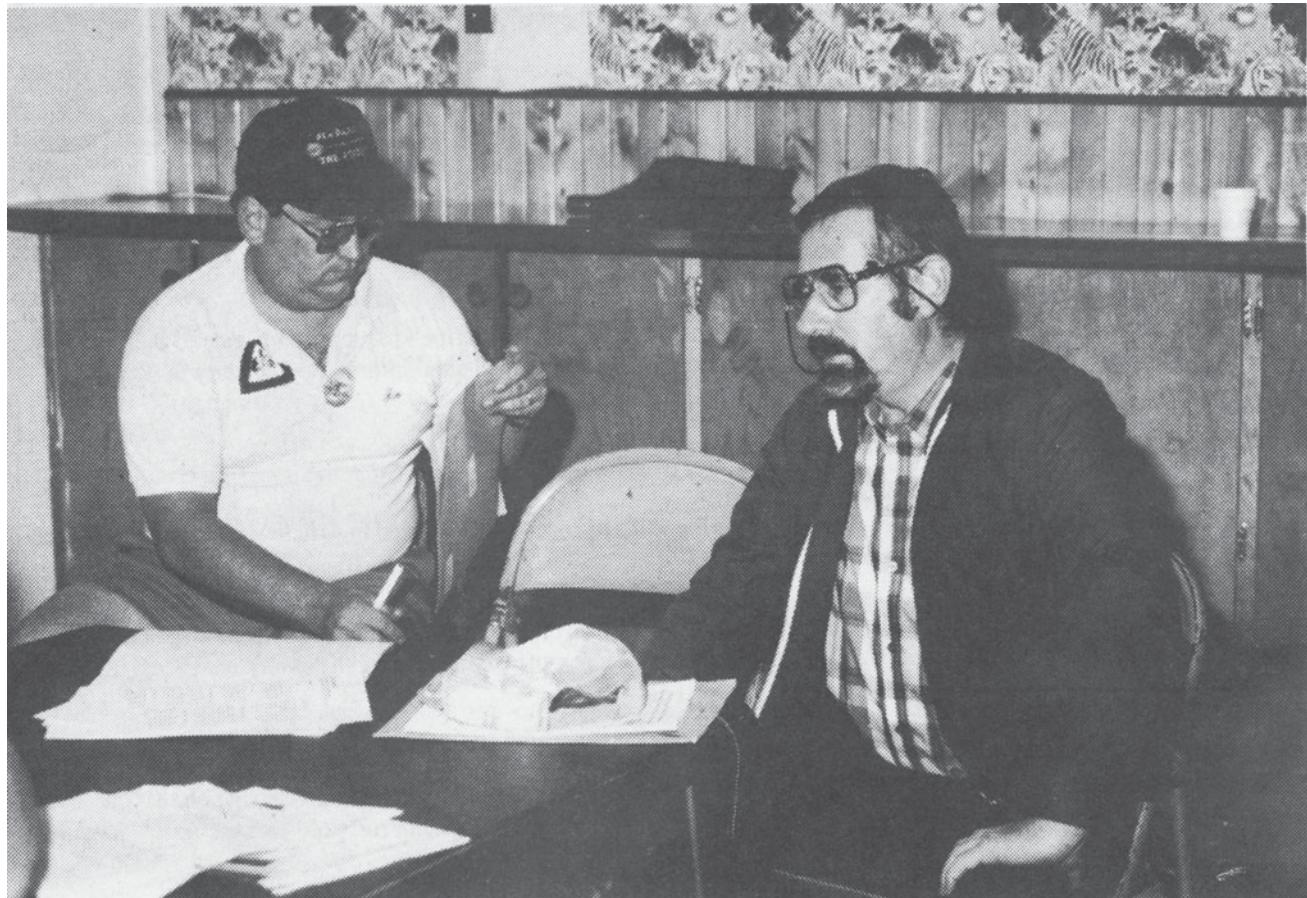
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## **IX. DISSOLUTION**

If the Board of the USCA, an Illinois non-profit corporation, concludes that the corporation can no longer continue to function in the manner intended by its founding fathers as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws, the corporation may be dissolved by unanimous vote of the Board.

In the event of dissolution, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed as provided for the laws of the State of Illinois, or as provided for in the Internal Revenue Code as said laws exist or as they may be amended in the future.



**Left, Spencer Bennett checks his notes as Hal Kendall prepares to speak  
at the 1991 Executive Committee meeting.**

# S/TEP

## S/TEPing Out

By Dave Wendell

### Sidecar/Trike Education Program

It's mid-October as I write this. The training season is over for most of this country. I've been thinking about this article for a few weeks now, and realize that this is a good time for me to sum up everything that has happened this year, both the advances we've made and the setbacks we've experienced.

I also want to begin looking ahead to next year, which is about the time this article should reach your mailbox.

I want to begin by telling the membership that we've made significant advances this year. S/TEP training is now implemented as part of the state motorcycle training program in FIVE states (VA, WV, TX, MN and ND). It is planned for implementation soon in two more (NC and SC). Regular courses are offered outside the state program in FOUR more states (WA, WI, IL and MI). THREE state programs currently recognize the S/TEP written and skills tests for a license waiver (WI, VA and OH). And there are Instructors offering courses locally, which I don't always hear about until afterwards, in TWELVE other states (CA, AZ, MD, PA, IN, KY, SC, GA, MA, MO, SD and IA). There are instructors living in several other states but I have no records of any of them offering a S/TEP course since February of 2000, when I began this crusade.

I feel it's important to recognize that I didn't start this. There was an awful lot of work done before I got involved. People like Ed Johnson, Hal Kendall and Jim Dodson were the real pioneers of safety training for three-wheeled motorcyclists. David Hough came along and through prodigious efforts, lots of self-sacrifice and hard work, moved it along to the next level. Others like Jim Cain, Cundiff Simmons, Warren Popa and Vic Hari were significant motivators in getting the training started and attaining state recognition for the curriculum, all before I got involved. I'm sure I'm leaving out some key people, and if you're one of them I apologize. What I'm trying to say here is that

although I've made what I consider to be major inroads within the motorcycle safety community in getting the Sidecar/Trike Education Program spread further across the country, I could not have done the things my predecessors have; and I couldn't be as successful as I've been without all of their previous efforts and continued help and support.

Having said that, I am more than a little humbled to suddenly find myself in the company of some great people who paved the way for me. To say that I was in total shock, and completely and overwhelmingly surprised on August 19th, 2001, is really not doing justice to my emotions. That afternoon at the annual State Motorcycle Safety Administrators conference in Reno, NV; David Hough very unexpectedly called me up on stage in front of over 200 of my peers, and presented me with the "Pop Dreyer Award" for 2001.

I am grateful in the extreme and still don't quite know what to say other than, "Thank You". I feel that a majority of the credit for all we have achieved has to go to the Sidecar/Trike Advisory Board members without whose help a good deal of this wouldn't have happened. Those Board members are: Monty Lish, Executive Director of the Evergreen Safety Council (ESC); Ken Harris, ESC curriculum developer; David Hough, President of the USCA-Sidecar Safety Program; Tara Giese, Sidecar Instructor; Jeff Thompson, Senior Instructor for Harley-Davidson Motor Co.; Jim Blow and Vic Hari, S/TEP Chief Instructors; Don Mapp, retired State Coordinator; Mark Sigfrinius, sidecar enthusiast; Bill Scarnatti, Lehman Trikes; Don Radtke, sidecar racer; Steve Musgrave, Brothers of the Third Wheel; Bob Lorenz, National Director of Rider Education, GWRRA; Gary Kelsey, Ural America; and Steven Johannsen, Dairyland Insurance.

In the category of setbacks we've experienced this year, I am disappointed to report that the Instructor Prep planned for North Carolina for October had been postponed to the spring of 2002. In the wake of what happened on September 11th, grant money to implement S/TEP training there was unavoidably delayed, and John Stokes didn't feel he was going to be able to effectively imple-

# S/TEP..

ment 3-wheeled training in NC until after the first of the year. He is still very committed to making it happen.

Despite their best efforts, CI's Jim Blow and Vic Hari were unable to rearrange their already jammed schedules to allow time for an Update for those Instructors in the mid-west. I'm sure it will happen in early 2002.

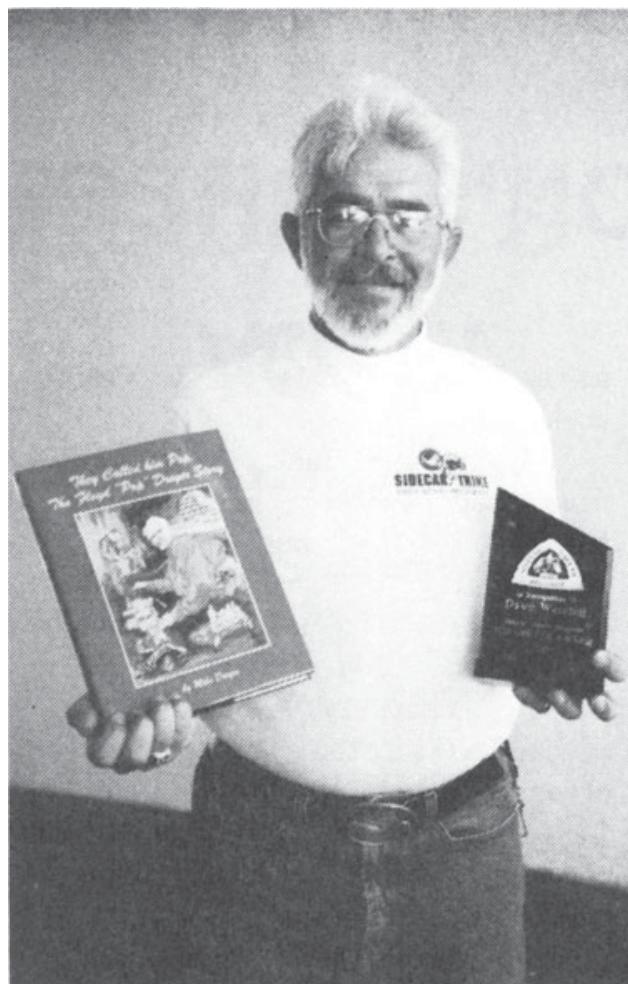
Plans for 2002 include a totally revised written test for the Novice S/TEP course as well as a Chief Instructor Guide, and hopefully a Chief Instructor Prep course. The revised written test is on track for its scheduled completion by January, and hopefully will be implemented around the time you read this. Progress on the Chief Instructor Guide is, unfortunately, not on schedule. I am re-evaluating the entire project to better allocate our resources in the hopes that I can get it back on schedule.

If S/TEP training isn't available in your area call your state motorcycle safety coordinator TODAY and ask why not! You can find a listing (with contact information) of all the state coordinators at: [www.smsa.org/votingmem.html](http://www.smsa.org/votingmem.html).

**INSTRUCTOR INFO.** Almost a third of the currently certified S/TEP Instructors are coming up on the expiration date of that certification in 2002.

I know that some of them have been active and have probably met the requirements for recertifying. However, the only real means I have of validating whether or not you've been teaching classes is when I receive a class completion report. Throughout all of 2001 I've only received reports from two Instructors outside of the Seattle, WA area. I know classes have been taught, but if I don't receive the proper paperwork I have no way of legally proving it. Get those reports in to me as soon as you can, please.

As always, if you have questions or need info. please contact me at: Dave Wendell, Program manager, S/TEP, ESC, 401 Pontius Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109. (800)521-0778 office, (360)434-5221 cellular, or [daveftsc.org](mailto:daveftsc.org).

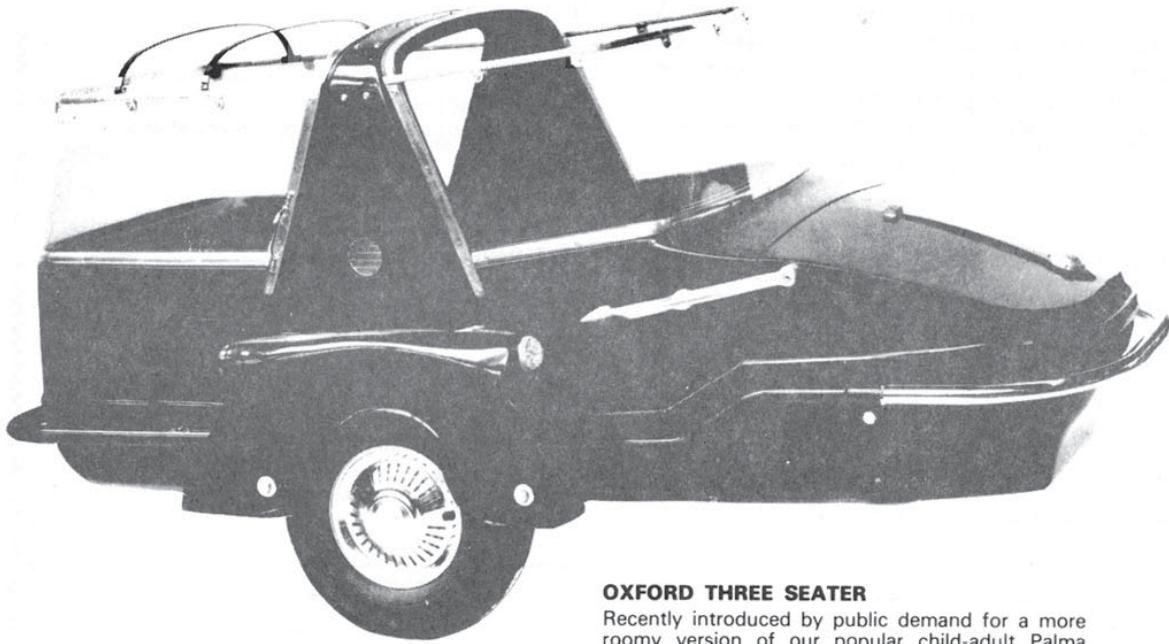


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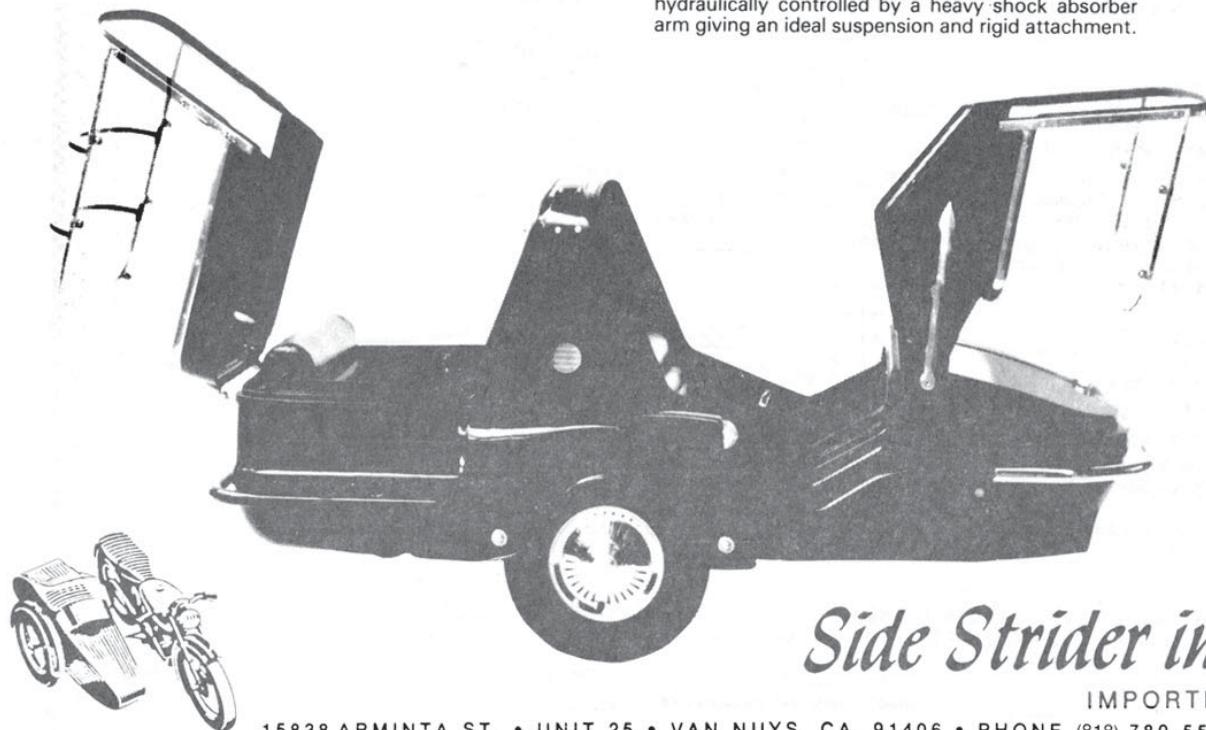


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January 18-20, 2002, CYCLE WORLD 2002 International Motorcycle Show. Philadelphia Convention Center, One Convention Center Place, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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February 1-3, 2002, CYCLE WORLD 2002 International Motorcycle Show. IX Center, 6200 Riverside Dr., Cleveland, Ohio.

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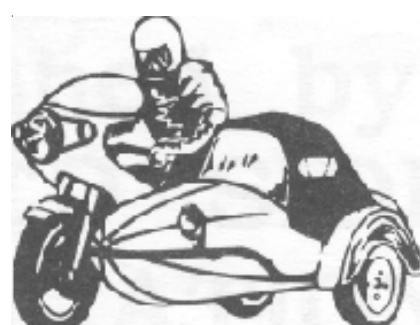
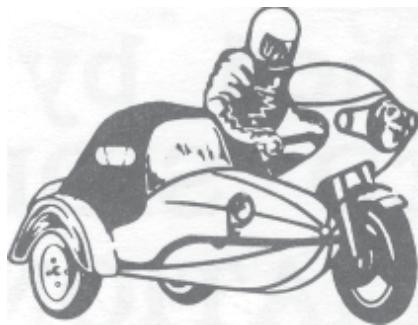
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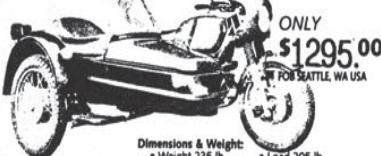
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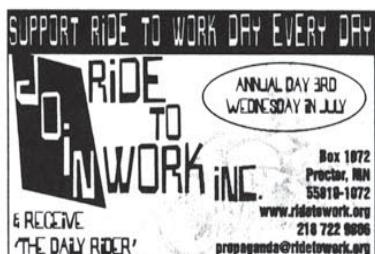
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